

parts of the refractive index of the light control part by using the control light" as recited in claim 1, from which claims 20 and 21 depend.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 20 and 21 are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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